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COUNTRY **Poland** REPORT

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5. Merchant Vessels a Polish merchant vessel loading Czechoslovakian manufactured Skoda automobiles 25X1
- the vessel was a coal burning type evidenced by the coal on her decks, steam-driven Polish merchant vessel loading 25X1
- general cargo, which included steel plates 25X1
- the general cargo crates indicate they had been shipped from Hungary and Czechoslovakia. A small coaster was berthed but was not engaged in cargo operations. Two East German "Rhine River barges" of 25X1

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800-2000 tons were [] loading "peas" for East Germany at the grain elevator [] Both barges were diesel-powered, self-propelled vessels.

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6. Naval Vessels [] eight Polish minesweepers engaged in minesweeping exercises the area due north of the anchorage. [] the vessels maneuvered in a column formation at a range of 140' and a speed of seven knots. Each minesweeper trailed a cable about 60 or 70' in length []

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[] The vessels were all grey painted, appeared to be in "good" material condition, and maneuvered smartly. Two minesweepers were also [] operating together in a line abreast formation in the same area. Both trailed the same type gear as mentioned above, but they operated independently from the other minesweepers. At Swinemunde [] several Soviet MTB's and MSF's [] Two destroyers identified as Riga's were berthed [] In the basin [] several "motor boats" without torpedo tubes. Eighteen Soviet and Polish MTB's were berthed in the Winter Harbor [] Three MTB's were beached bow in [] On the west bank of the Oder [] a former yacht basin now serves as a small Polish naval base. [] several MTB's and MSF's berthed at this base.

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7. Shipyards [] Stocznia Szczecinska shipyard is located on the west bank of the Oder River and runs north from a point directly across from the north end of the grain elevator to a position near the junction of the Oder and MOLLNFAHRT. Looking northwesterly from vessel's berth at the grain elevator, [] six new merchant vessels at the fitting-out berths along the Oder and two vessels under construction in the slips located at the north end of the shipyard. [] two of the vessels being fitted out as six thousand gross ton "open shelter deck" types with two inverted "Y" kingposts forward, and one aft; three holds forward and two holds aft: []

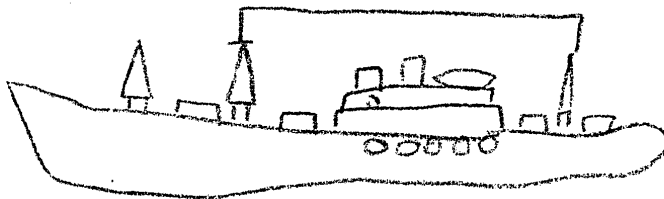
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[] the "hatches" for these two vessels being placed on board by cranes at the fitting-out berths. (Sketch of vessel [])

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[] the other four vessels which are being fitted out [] similar to the "Krynica class" vessels with four hatches forward and one aft and a diesel power plant. One of these vessels, the CABO ORANGE, [] was launched in December 1958, is near completion and is the only vessel in the shipyard on which overtime work is performed. All

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six vessels were unpainted and rusty. The two vessels [] in the building slips were [] "Krynica class" ships which [] could be launched in one and a half months under normal working conditions. The only work [] on the two vessels was the activity of two 10-25 ton "German made cranes" which were operating in unison positioning heavy equipment. Only one five-ton crane is located at each fitting out berth and [] a "large" floating crane being used at one berth to load a piece of heavy equipment. The work day begins at 0600 daily and ends at 1800 with no work on Sundays. Women were [] working in the yard and aboard the ships. [] the shipyard appeared to be inefficient, poorly organized, and slow probably due to the scarcity of construction materials and poor management.

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[] all spare radar parts used by this shipyard are stored in a warehouse in Gdynia and as a result of a recent fire over half of all the spare parts were destroyed,

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9. Grain Elevator Vessel berthed at the grain elevator []

[] commenced discharging 10 thousand long tons [] wheat via two pneumatic sucker tubes. Cargo operations were continued around the clock, except Sunday, with cargo operations being completed at 1400

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[] the grain elevator was constructed prior to World War II by "Hitler" and is made of German manufactured equipment. All motors and engines at the elevator are of Siemens-Schuckert Werke manufacture although [] all name plates have been removed.

[] World War II damage to the elevator has never been repaired, broken windows are numerous, and the general state of condition of the elevator equipment is poor.

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[] Stevedores worked three shifts daily in gangs of 12 each. The first shift worked 0715-1445, the second 1500-2215, and the third 2230-0630. Sunday work commenced at 2200. The stevedores were described as being "good workers."

10. Miscellaneous Matters

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b. Crew members of the East German barges mentioned in paragraph five above were not allowed ashore in subject port.

c. [] foreign merchant vessels are not permitted to transit the Oder between designators []

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